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1. OFFICIAL MOVEMENT NEWS AGENCY (PYRESA) REPORTED APRIL 29  
FROM LISBON COMMENTS ON SPAIN AND NATO MADE BY COPCON  
COMMANDER, OTELO SARAVIA DE CARVALHO, TO CORRESPONDENT OF  
INDEPENDENT NEWS WEEKLY, "CAMBIO16" CARVALHO QUOTED AS SAYING"  
"I AM DISTURBED BY INCREASING CONTACTS OF SPAIN WITH NATO  
BECAUSE THIS COULD MEAN THAT NATO REALLY INTENDS TO EXCLUDE  
PORTUGAL FROM THE ORGANIZATION." "THE FACT THAT THE  
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS COURTING SPAIN IN ORDER TO SET UP ITS  
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BASES THERE COULD INDICATE THAT IT (THE ALLIANCE) INTENDS TO

RID ITSELF OF PORTUGAL WHICH COULD BE PREJUDICIAL FOR THE COUNTRY". "OUR MEMBERSHIP IN NATO INSURES US AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF INVASION FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES".

2. ASKED IF GOS WAS INTERESTED IN ACCEDED TO NATO, CARVALHO REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE ADDING THAT "SPANISH GOVT HAS BEEN EXPREMELY CORRECT?" "I DON'T KNOW IF SPAIN WOULD ACCEPT INSTALLATION OF NATO BASES ON ITS TERRITORY."

3. ON SPANISH/PORTUGUESE MILITARY RELATIONS CARVALHO SAID: "WE CONTINUE PERFECTLY GOOD FRIENDS AND DIFFERENITATED IN OUR ATTITUDES".

4. COMMENT: RE SPANISH/PORTUGUESE MILITARY RELATIONS, EMBASSY NOTES THAT MINISTER OF THE AIR FORCE, LT. GEN. CUADRA TOLD EUROPEAN PRESS REPS IN BRUSSELS APRIL 16 THAT PORTUGUESE JET PILOTS CONTINUED TO RECEIVE TRAINING AT SPANISH AIR BASE OF TALAVERA LA REAL, SAME BASE USED BY SPINOLA IN HIS FLIGHT FROM PORTUGAL MARCH 11. POSSIBLY NOTEWORTHY THAT CARVALHO FAILED TO MENTION IBERIAN PACT IN HIS REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT BILATERAL MILITARY TIES. LAST MEETING OF GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS OF TWO COUNTRIES WAS HELD IN DECEMBER 1974 WHEN SPANIARDS ALSO MADE COURTESY CALL ON COSTA GOMES. UNDER SECRETARY ROVIRA HAS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES TO AMBASSADOR THAT PORTUGUESE HAVE SO FAR SHOWED NO INTEREST IN RESUMING IBERIAN PACT MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH GOS WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY BE SO DISPOSED.

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